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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Fellow Members - As promised in last month's message I wish to continue with a report of some of the highlights from the TNA board meeting held on Saturday, May 24, 1986. Some of you may not realize it but your organization has always held a board meeting in conjunction with the annual convention. I can well remember the days when these board meetings would go on for many hours, sometimes breaking for a meal and a brief respite, and continuing into the wee hours of the night. I'm certainly glad that we don't have any more of that duration.

Now, your board also meets approximately 5 to 6 months following the annual convention. The Austin Coin Club has its annual show, generally, sometime in September. Since Austin is so centrally located and the Austin Show had become of such size that a large number of your association officers were already coming to Austin, the Austin club invited TNA to hold a semi-annual board meeting on the same weekend. The invitation was accepted.

This second board meeting during the year has proven to be of as great importance as the one held with our annual convention. The opinions are, and rightly so, that Texas is so large, our membership so diverse, that by having two board meetings each year the association's business can be conducted on a much more timely basis. And we don't have any more of those long, long meetings.

If you have read far enough into this message to reach this point, then you have more than a casual interest in your association. I wish to invite you to attend any of your association's board meetings. These meetings are well publicized in the TNA NEWS and are open to all members.

In the July 1986 issue of the TNA NEWS there is an excellent report regarding the offering of "free ads" in the TNA NEWS. These ads would be available only to members and with certain restrictions. I ask that you read this report, by Mike Greenspan, give its contents a lot of thought, and then let me know what you think of the proposal.

Your association is seeking one or more bids for the 1989 convention. Corpus Christi has submitted a tentative bid and will very likely final-

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We are pleased to include this presentation by Clifford Mishler of Iola, Wisc., Krause Publications, Inc., in this issue, and the next, of the **TNA NEWS.** Mishler was one of the distinguished speakers at the educational forum held during the TNA convention in Fort Worth. Here is Part I of this feature exclusive to **TNA NEWS.**

LOOKING BACK AND AHEAD . . . AND RELATING TO B. MAX MEHL

B. Max Mehl . . . mere mention of the name sets the adrenalin flowing It conjures up word images that reflect the magnitude of the role one unique man played in the development of the coin collecting hobby.

Salesmanship, marketing genius, 1913 Liberty nickel, famed auction sales numbering in the dozens, including the likes of Granberg, Atwater and Newcomer - "The Star Rare Coin Encyclopedia."

He delivered fame and legitimacy to one great American coin rarity and gave title to another. Through the years he handled every great American rarity . . . most of them on multiple occasions. Max Mehl was, without question, a man of superior "showmanship and business acumen" as Q. David Bowers once wrote.

Even today, nearly 30 years after he passed from the scene and the better part of 40 years since he held sway as the single most dominating figure on the American numismatic scene, it's certain few individuals involved in the coin field are unaware of his name.

No one, anywhere, at any time, I'm certain, has imparted more directional influence on the past or present direction of the coin collecting field than B. Max Mehl

He can certainly be numbered among those who projected and emboldened the "bigger than life" image so often associated with the successful entrepreneurs of Texas.

He's a man it never was my good fortune to meet, though I certainly wish I had . . .he was a living legend for the better part of a half century.

Max Mehl was, without a doubt, the man who popularized coin collecting with the "Numismatic Scrapbook" magazine, the "Red Book" and "Numismatic News," not to mention the development of the organizational structure which includes the Texas Numismatic Association.

Just who, then, was B. Max Mehl? He was not, to be sure, a native Texan, but he proved to be a Texan through and through.

Mehl was born in Lodz, Russia in 1884. He emigrated to the United States with his parents in 1893 - some sources say 1895 - the family settling in Fort Worth. He is said to have become enamoured with collecting instincts at the age of 10, first with cigar bands, followed by stamps and ultimately coins The

latter attraction, of course, provided him with a springboard to a career without parallel as a professional numismatist.

Mehl reputedly embarked on the pursuit of coin dealing at the then youthful age of 16. By 1904 he was publishing the "Hub Coin Book," predecessor of the "Star Encyclopedia" and applied for membership in the American Numismatic Association in June of 1903. A more than 50-year run of uninterrupted advertising in "The Numismatist" commenced in December of that year.

That first advertisement was constituted as a 33-lot mail bid sale, closing on Christmas Day, that offered upwards of perhaps $50 worth of items. Included were a quintet of circulated Columbian half dollar lots that had undoubtedly been gleaned from circulation, a proof 1879 Trade dollar, nine lots of U.S. fractional currency, most specimens being uncirculated, and five individually described silver dollars.

An ad presented in the July, 1906 issue of **The Numismatist** announced his commitment to full-time involvement as a coin dealer. About 22 at the time, Mehl was turning his back on a fledgling career as a shoe salesman. Mehl's subtle and astute salesmanship was evidenced in his announcement ad:

> "Before it was only a 'side-line' with me but thanks to the esteemed patronage favored me by many of the 'faithful' my business grew to such an extend (sic) that I was obliged to abandon all other interests and devote all my time in serving those who find me worthy of a share of their esteemed numismatic favors.
>
> I only wish to state that I am in position to serve you most satisfactory (sic) and your favor will certainly be appreciated. I shall try my very utmost to merit same. Kindly let me hear from you whether buyer or seller. Give me a chance to show you how nice I can take care of your favors."

As a statement, Mehl's announcement dripped of modesty, at the same time it projected big thoughts of grandeur.

The enterprising young Mehl's enterprise grew rapidly. Two years after establishing it at a desk in his home, he opened (1908) an office in the Flatiron Building in downtown Fort Worth, an occupancy which eventually expanded to embrace half of the third floor of the building.

In 1912 he yielded to the temptation, for a few weeks, to move to New York City. Quickly determining that move was a mistake, he had shortly reestablished his business in Fort Worth where in late 1916 he would complete construction of the building which would serve as the home of his business for the next 40-odd years.

That building, which at a cost of $25,000 "exclusive of the site," was undoubtedly the first office in the country constructed expressly to serve the requirements of a coin dealer. It still stands on the northwest quadrant of the intersection of Magnolia Ave. and Henderson St. though it appears unoccupied and

destined for demolition in the near future.

Mehl's business really blossomed thereafter. Within a year a slogan began appearing in his ads, off and on in the beginning, but omni present by the end of the decade - "The Largest (Exclusive) Numismatic Establishment in the United States" - a claim he was certainly entitled to project with ample justification.

By the early 1920s, a growing nationwide constituency was beating a path to his door . . . or more properly, to his mail order address. He was diving into national advertising in a big way . . . spending over $10,000 annually outside the rather restricted arena provided by the numismatic media of the day.

An ad in the December 1920 issue of **The Numismatist** announcing his acquisition of the notable collection formed in Pittsburg by Dr. Wilharm illustrated that he was not exactly a man of retiring personality.

> "Whenever **YOU** decide to sell **YOUR** collection, for spot cash or otherwise, let me **SHOW** you **WHY** I enjoy such a marked preponderance of the numismatic business of the country."

In 1929, an interviewer was to make the observation: "If ever there was a case truly illustrative of the saying about the world beating a path to the door of the man who makes a better mousetrap than his neighbor, though he makes his home in a wilderness, it is certainly the case of B. Max Mehl."

By this time he was blanketing the country with his offer of "$50.00 paid for a 1913 Liberty nickel." It was an offer, a spectacular offer for the day, which put a nation to work searching through pocket change and bank rolls . . . $50, especially in the '30s, represented a veritable fortune to many . . . which he knew he would never be called upon to honor.

More on B. Max Mehl's life and times next month . . .

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ize their bid at our board meeting in Austin in late September. Will there be any other bids submitted?

The Hall of Fame selection committee, made up of Lyman Bartee, Joe B. Davis and Miriam Gilmore, will remain unchanged through this year.

Donations to our Flower Fund were made and accepted. These funds, donated hy your officers, are used to purchase flowers, in the name of the entire membership, for those memhers, or members of their families, who are either seriously ill, or when a death has occured. Operating funds of your association are not used for this purpose

This concludes the highlights of our most recent board meeting. See you next month.

WERE THERE TWO MODELS OR JUST ONE?

Ray Aldrete
Houston, Texas

Liberty Quarter

In 1915, the United States was about to make a change at the request of the president. For the first time in the history of the U.S., the quarter would be different from the dime and the half dollar.

Three new coins were to make their debut in 1916. The Winged Mercury dime, the Walking Liberty half (these two having been designed by A. Weinmar), and the Standing Liberty quarter (designed by Herman A. MacNeil). A renaissance of interest in U.S. silver coins was beginning.

The model said to have posed for the Standing Liberty quarter was Miss Doris Doscher. She was 33 years old at the time she modeled for MacNeil. She had successfully overcome a childhood bout with polio. At the time she was to have posed, she was a trained nurse. Miss Doscher did some acting on Broadway where she used her stage name Miss Doree. She modeled for other artists as well as MacNeil. She was also a friend of the MacNeil family.

Some of the leading sculptors of the time that Miss Doscher posed for were Daniel Chester French's "Memory," Hartley's "Kneeling Madonna" and Beech's "The Sculptor's Dream." Of the more well-known are "Faith, Hope and Charity" in Washington, D.C., "Diana and the Chase" at New York Metropolitan Museum of Art, "The Angel of Peace" part of the flourishing New York Memorial on Northern Blvd., and "Abundance" the central figure in the fountain in front of New York's Plaza Hotel.

Mrs. Doris Doscher (Miss Liberty) Baum died at the age of 88.

Her status as the model for the Standing Liberty quarter remained unchallenged until 1972 when a 92-year-old friend and associate, namely Mrs. Irene MacDowell, intimated to her family and only closest of friends that she indeed did model for the Standing Liberty quarter. It was her beautiful statuesque figure that inspired Herman Atkins MacNeil to design a coin that sent women into shock, children giggling and pointing, and men taking a second look at the exposed bust on the newly designed quarter. Mr. MacDowell did not approve of the posing and all parties involved concluded the credit should go to Miss Doscher to keep from creating any problems in the families' relationship that might have a bad image on future generations. This was the closest guarded and best kept secret of the 20th century.

Four months before Mrs. MacDowell died, an article appeared in "The Evening News" Newburgh,

N.Y., September 19, 1972. The article by Robert Curron, carries almost a full page of Mrs. MacDowell finally admitting to being the "bare-breasted" beauty that posed for her friend, Herman MacNeil

The design of the quarter was ordered by President Theodore since he and his aides said the Barber quarter (coined since 1892) did not meet the artistic designs that our foreign neighbors were using.

The grading of the Standing Liberty quarter is very important to know before one goes out to purchase one. I might point out that it is always important to know your high points of the coin that you are about to purchase. The quarter just like any other coin has high points on both obverse and reverse. The high points on the obverse are: the three twigs on Liberty's head (on a full head*), the right breast, the inner shield on the main shield, the toes on her right foot, and her right knee.

On the reverse, the outer portion of the eagle's right wing, the breast feathers, the beak, and the tip of the left wing. Consideration must be given in some of these areas as not many dates come with all of the above mentioned features fully struck.

*When one talks in regard to a full head, it is the strike of the coin. In this case, some coins had a very weak strike and not all the details can be seen on the Liberty heads.

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Since I am working at **Coin World** this summer as an intern, I thought I would give you an inside look at the people who put this newspaper together.

The **Coin World** editorial office consists of 13 staff members. These dedicated people produce the largest weekly numismatic publication in the world, which goes to nearly 80,000 subscribers.

Just handling the hundreds of letters received each week is quite a job. Beth Deisher is the editor of the newspaper, and she feels each letter should receive a reponse. Dorthy Cernyar is Beth Deisher's secretary, and she is responsible for the large amount of paperwork it takes to keep the office running smoothly.

Many letters are received from over 1,200 coin clubs and organizations that Cindy Naseman of the CW Club Center keeps track of. The Club Center keeps the newspaper in touch with the events and people in the many numismatic organizations and cluhs throughout the United States.

The letters that announce new issues of medals, tokens or wooden nickels go to Pat Boerger who specializes in this area of numismatics. Short articles are prepared with a photograph of the new issue to be published in CW as a service to the clubs.

Each staff member has an interest in a specialized area of numismatics. Rusty Geiger specializes in paper money. Bill Gibbs is a specialist in United States coinage. Rich Giedroyc is the International Editor and specializes in foreign coins. Jay Guren is the Feature Editor and has heen at CW for about 24 years. Michele Orzano specializes in the congressional legislative aspects of the hobby and in numismatic-related litigation.

Marilyn Tiernan is the Clearinghouse Editor. Marilyn receives many coins and letters in the mail which readers send for identification. She specializes in error variety coins, and her Clearinghouse page informs readers of new varieties and other information related to this field. If you have a question about this area of numismatics, or have a coin you would like Marilyn to look at, you can write to her at the address at the end of this article.

Keith Zaner is the Trends Editor. His job involves tracking the values of thousands of coins each week. He

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ANA News Roundup

American Numismatic Assn. Representative
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ANA's 1986 National Coin Week was celebrated by many individual collectors as well as coin clubs throughout the state of Texas.

In fact, the winner of the American Numismatic Association's NCW scholarship is a Texan! He is Charles E. Brandt of Austin, who received a scholarship consisting of tuition, room and board, and a round-trip airline ticket to the ANA's Summer Seminar at Colorado Springs in July.

The ANA president drew Brandt's name from a hat containing the names of all those submitting a final report of their NCW activities.

Medals for ANA members and certificates for non-members were sent to those who submitted a report about their NCW activities.

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has a computer program made especially for CW coin trends information. Keith keeps an eye on the coin market by reading price lists, auction catalogs, and by attending coin shows and major auctions. Keith also has access to two national computer coin networks which have hundreds of subscribers who buy and sell numismatic material over the computer network. With all this information, Keith is in a position to keep you up-to-date with coin values in his Trends pages.

Bradley Reed is the Design Copy Editor. His job involves editing the material written by other staff members, and in page lay-out for each edition.

Krista Hesselbein is the CW librarian. Krista keeps track of the many publications that the staff members here need to keep up with the hobby. The library has back issues of many numismatic periodicals, journals, magazines, catalogs and other research material.

The mailing address for **Coin World** is: 911 Vandemark Road, Sidney, Ohio 45367.

All of the CW staff members work together to produce a fine publication that keeps you up-to-date with the current events in the numismatic world, as with research articles on a variety of numismatic subjects. You will certainly benefit by keeping an eye on their work by reading the pages of **Coin World** each week.

The other dedicated staff members include Jane Hutchins who works with Richard Giedroyc in the preparation of the International section, Jenni St. Myers who assists Marilyn Tiernan with the Clearinghouse duties, and Sharie Francis who works with the page make-up

from the secretary

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WELCOME to new members 4860-4884. If approved the following will become members Sept. 1, 1986.

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4886 (D-7) Gordon Haegelin. P.O. Box 18888, San Antonio, TX. 78218. Latin American. Mac Kennady.

4887 (D-1) Jerry E. Moreland, Box 149, Weatherford, TX. 76086. U.S. Lincoln Cent, Jefferson Nickel, M. Johnson.

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TNA NEWS Editor - June Allowance	200.00	
Petty Cash	15.90	
Liberty Mutual for Bonding of Officers	125.00	
Texas Sesquicentennial Expense	17.99	
Reimbursement to Treasurer for Copies of Reports for Convention	32.66	
Farm & Home Saving for 6 Life Memberships	900.00	1,538.33
		8,933.18
Balance on hand as of June 30, 1986		8,933.18*

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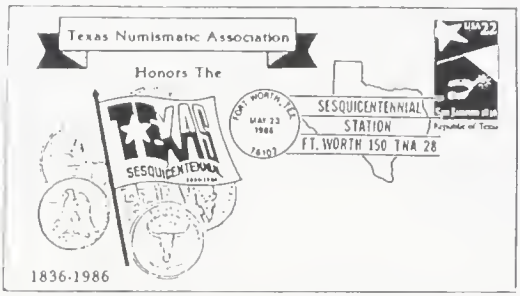

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AROUND TEXAS . . .

Congratulations to Robert Lacewell, TNA youth chairman, on his first by-line story since joining the **Coin World** staff for a summer internship. Robert's interview with Dr. John McCloskey, leading authority on both Bust and Seated Liberty coinage, can be found on page 36 of the July 2 issue of **Coin World** (in case you missed it).

Thomas Walker of San Antonio was also on the interview merry-go-round when Paul M. Green queried Tom for **World Coin News.** Under discussion was Tom's latest buy/bid sale of ancient coins, his speciality. That story begins on page 12 of the June 17 issue . . .

Our California friends, Don and Lois Bailey, longtime dealers in coinage of Mexico, especially of the Maximilian era, are busy preparing a new listing of coins, medals and decorations, first one in a couple of years. For your name to be added to their mailing list write: P.O. Box 684, Calimesa, Calif. 92320-0684. Texas lost the Baileys when they moved from Houston to the West coast . . .

Michael L. (Mike) Mouret is announcing the opening of South Louisiana Coin Exchange in Opelousas at 1321 S. Edith. Mike has collected for 12 years and participated as a dealer for six. He will be catering to the collectors and investors of south Louisiana . . .

The Spring 1986 edition of "**The Trumpeter**" published by The Croatian Philatelic Society salutes the Statue of Liberty and the cover carries postage stamps issued by the USA and France. Eck Spahich edits the quarterly journal for the Society. He lives in Borger, up in the Panhandle of Texas . . .

Krause Publications with headquarters in Iola, Wisconsin released several books to the numismatic market and collectors' libraries. The 1987 edition of **Standard Catalog of World Coins** features over 160 years of popularly collected world coinage, 1,536 pages and 114,000 world coins listed by date and mint. Coin values have been checked and reflect current market conditions. The new catalog retails for $29.95... the new fifth edition of **Standard Catalog of World Paper Money** by Albert Pick has also been released by Krause Publications. The two-volume set is comprised of Volume I - Specialized Issues, and Volume II, General Issues. Each volume retails for $45.00. Volume I documents commercial and restricted circulation issue coverage with 16,300 notes listed from 345 issuing authorities enhanced by 7,600 illustrations. Volume II presents a comprehensive listing of all nationally circulated government legal tender issues for the 18th through 20th centuries. All of the books can be found at coin and hobby shops and through coin dealers.

We received a welcomed communication from Carlton Brush who now lives in Farmersville. Carlton well remembers that rainy day at Port

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Welcome to Fort Worth · Miss Fort Worth Lee Anne Gumfory and Mayor Bob Bolen cut the Sesquicentennial postcard ribbon officially declaring the 28th Texas Numismatic Association convention open. Assisting were, from far left, Jerry Williams, TNA treasurer; Florence Schook, ANA president· Howard Luke, convention chairman; Mac Kennady, TNA president; and Lyman C. Bartee, convention coordinator.

The name R.E. (Bob) Wallace was added to the TNA Numismatic Hall of Fame list during the 1986 TNA convention. Wallace is a longtime Texas dealer and TNA supporter.

ANA was well represented in Fort Worth at the TNA convention by Florence Schook, ANA president, and governors Bob Medlar and Grover C. Criswell.

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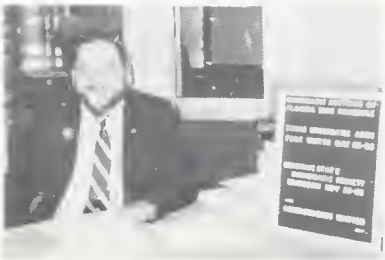
Ray Aldrete, Greater Houston Coin Club president presents TNA President Mac Kennady the club's check for $150.00 and application for TNA Chapter Life Membership #14.

Robert (Bob) Medlar of San Antonio, and Clifford Mishler Iola, Wisc., were keynote speakers at the Saturday afternoon educational forum held during the May 23-25 TNA convention in Fort Worth.



Ready to assist bidders at the 1986 TNA convention auction was David T. Alexander, representative of Numismatics Auctions of Florida.

Don Bailey, center, of Calimesa, Calif. (Don & Lois Bailey's Coins & Antiques) was the first out-of state dealer to reserve a bourse table for the 1987 TNA convention set for Mar. 27-29 in San Antonio and hosted by Gateway Coin Club. Receiving the application and payment were Ray Tate, left, 1987 convention chairman and Gateway club president, and Michael Greenspan, bourse chairman.

You'll always find Frances and Howard Luke and D.O. Joplin busy during TNA conventions filling orders and conducting general sales of TNA medals. Howard is medals officer and Joplin is a former TNA governor.

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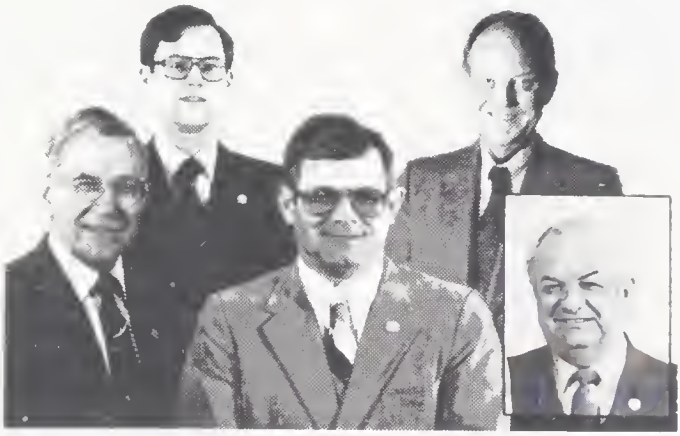

Bob Wilhite

Veteran Numismatic News market analyst Bob Wilhite pools pricing data from ads, auctions, personal contacts at conventions and the teletype to arrive at representative wholesale and retail values. Each week these up-to-date market values are presented in Coin Market, the accurate guide in Numismatic News.

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SEPTEMBER 6-7
SAN ANGELO COIN CLUB, 26th annual show, Sheraton Hotel Ballroom. **BOURSE:** Fred Clark, 115 S. Chadbourne, San Angelo 76901, 915/653-4731.

SEPTEMBER 13-14
ROSE CITY COIN CLUB, annual coin show, Harvey Hall Convention Center, Tyler. **BOURSE:** Horace Cook, Rt. 1 Box 245, Tyler 75708, 214/592-3607.

SEPTEMBER 14
BEEVILLE COIN CLUB, 19th annual coin show, Student Center, Bee County College, US-181 & Charco Rd. **WRITE:** Club, Box 209, Beeville 78104.

SEPTEMBER 20-21
BEAUMONT COIN CLUB, coin show, Beaumont Hilton, 2355 IH-10 South. **BOURSE:** Jerry Williams, 2645 North St., Beaumont 77702.

SEPTEMBER 27-28
AUSTIN COIN CLUB, Quality Inn South. **WRITE:** Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767.

OCTOBER 4-5
CORPUS CHRISTI COIN CLUB, coin & stamp show, La Quinta Royale. **WRITE:** Club, Box 3191, Corpus Christi 78404

OCTOBER 18-19
ALAMO COIN CLUB, coin show, Sheraton Inn, 1400 Austin Hwy., San Antonio. **WRITE:** Richard Pinnette, Box 32441, San Antonio 78216.

OCTOBER 25-26
LAFAYETTE COIN CLUB, "Cajun Coinival" Municipal Auditorium, S. College Rd., Lafayette, La. **BOURSE:** Mike Mouret, 1405 Moss St., Lafayette, La. 70501, 318 232-2573.

NOVEMBER 14-16
NUMISMATICS INTERNATIONAL COIN EXPOSITION, 8th annual show, Park Suite Hotel, 13131 N. Central Expressway, Dallas. WRITE: Ross Schraeder, Box 836094, Richardson 75083-6094.

FUTURE TNA CONVENTIONS

1987 - March 27-29, TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. CONVENTION, San Antonio.

1988 - April 22-24, TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. CONVENTION, Houston

TEXAS District Meetings

PLEASE NOTE: If your club activities are not listed that means (1) The report was not received by the 1st of the month deadline or (2) The TNA Club representative, reporter or secretary did not send it to the **TNA NEWS** editor

DISTRICT I —

Morris Johnson
Governor

Detailed reports were given on the TNA convention to members of the **Fort Worth Coin Club** and General Chairman Howard W. Luke thanked all those who participated in the hard work to complete a successful convention.

Katherine Kennady, registration chairperson, signed in approximately 1550 visitors. Linda Wade, who was in charge of breakfast arrangements, reported on those attending the various awards presented, and Bob Slocum stated that 127 dealer tables were occupied.

July activities for club members included a watermelon party - **Club Bulletin.**

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Election of new officers to serve **Stephenville Coin Club** was held at one of the two June meetings. Mario Johnson is president, Morse Ross, vice president; Lorene Randals, secretary; and Jo Stem, treasurer. Directors are Hadley Scott, Ellis Randals, Bill Stem, Jimmy Webb, and all junior members were named junior directors.

Maxine Secrest won the question and answer contest. Ross conducted a Coin Trivia game. Meetings are held at the Holiday Inn - **Lorene Randals, Sec.**

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DISTRICT II —

August H Ganze Jr
Governor

Members of **Comanche Springs Stamp & Coin Club** in Fort Stockton issued a wooden nickel and the numbered pieces were presented to the artist, printer, Chamber of Commerce and others. The wooden money was advertised through **Coin World** and **Numismatic News** and buyers from 26 different states placed orders. Proceeds from sales are expected to hoost the club treasury.

Posters for National Coin Week

were displayed and wording was changed so the posters could remain up at different locations throughout the year.

Twelve members and six guests attended the meeting at Pecos County State Bank - **Jo Beth Shellenberger, Sec.**

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DISTRICT III —

Dick Dollen
Governor

Dick Dollen volunteered to check with the Boy Scout Council in regard to inviting Scouts to a meeting of **Key City Coin Club** in Abilene.

A motion was made to buy seven proof sets to be given as door prizes at future meetings.

Plans were discussed for hosting the District 3 meeting the third Sunday in July. - **Marylu Megginson, Sec.**

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DISTRICT IV —

Dr. Robert Greenwood
Governor

J.P. Jones read the article "A Sesquicentennial Salute to the Coin That Honors Cabeza DeVaca's Expedition to Texas" concerning the Old Spanish Trail commemorative half dollar. The article, written by Frank Galindo, appeared in the May issue of the **TNA NEWS.**

The reading was before members of **Waco Coin Club** and was followed by an auction.

The annual picnic was planned for September. - **J.P. Jones, Reporter.**

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DISTRICT V —

Paul Garner
Governor

Garland Coin Club is preparing a history report and any member who can supply information on the club from its inception to the present time, will be named as a contributor.

Barney Welch presented a talk and display on modern-day low mintage gold coins at the recent meeting with 33 members and two guests present. Ross Ward won the door prize and Ronald Gene Griffith was voted in as the newest member. - **Club Bulletin.**

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The Statue of Liberty was the topic topic discussed by Tom Ragsdale at the **Dallas Coin Club** meeting. Giving the background of Liberty, Tom said it all began as a 4-foot high terra cotta model. Three larger versions were made requiring 9000 separate measurements. A plaster model was used as a mold around which was built a honeycomb framework. One-eighth inch copper sheets were hammered to produce

shaped copper with each sheet 4 feet across. As completed they were riveted and iron straps were fitted on the inside. There were a total of 450,000 rivets as the framework had to support 100 tons of copper.

The pedestal was completed a year after the French warship Isere had brought her to the U.S. in 200 crates. It took four months to erect the statue.

An appropriate door prize, a Statue of Liberty coin, was won by Liz Foster. - **Tom Ragsdale, Sec.**

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Two auctions are planned to take place at the **Numismatics International Coin Exposition** (NICE) sponsored by **Numismatics International, International Bank Note Society** and **Society of Ancient Numismatics** to be held November 14-16 in Dallas.

Empire Coins will hold an auction of ancient coinage and Paul R. Nadin-Davis of Canada will conduct one on foreign coins.

The eighth annual NICE will be held at Park Suite Hotel, 13131 N. Central Expressway in Dallas. Write Ross Schraeder, P.O. Box 836094, Richardson 75083-6094, for information on bourse tables.

Charles Muchmore Jr. is general chairman.

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Q. How many times can a dollar bill be neatly folded so each fold overlaps its opposite side?

A. Six times by hand, seven in a vice

DISTRICT VI — Members of **Pasadena Coin Club** were reminded that two meetings per month are held and everyone is invited to attend the sessions at Ramada Inn on Airport Blvd.

Chris Johns
Governor

One of the programs planned was a video on "Grading U.S. Coins." Winning door prizes were Fred Baker, Joe Blanco, Tom Windsheimer and Bill Pecelunas. An appreciation plaque was given to Jack Pavlovic for his continuing work in handling the door prizes. It was reported that Joe Johnson recently underwent surgery and cards were being sent to his home. - **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT VII — **Alamo Coin Club** members are in the planning stages for hosting a coin show in San Antonio. Dates and location will be decided soon. Everyone was asked to assist in the project.

Frank Galindo
Governor

June meetings included programs on "Byzantine Coins in Gold, Silver and Copper," a slide program by Seahy of London, and mini programs by members about numisma

tic subjects or events in their collecting specialities. Auctions and special drawings add spice to the meetings. - **Club Bulletin.**

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"The Coinage & Paper Money of Edward VIII" was the subject of a slide program presented at the **Gateway Coin Club** meeting in San Antonio. The recent death of Wallis Warfield Simpson reminded everyone that her third husband was Edward VIII, King of England, just 50 years ago. His reign was not a record for brevity but it was one of the shortest. No coins with his portrait were ever issued for circulation, but several British Commonwealth countries did issue coins with his name on them. In addition, Canada issued some paper money with his portrait.

At the second meeting of the month, a story made for Hollywood was told - "The Siege of Kartoum" with all the ingredients for a larger-than-life movie. The Moslems, led by the mystic known as Mahdi, rebelled against the British. The climax of this chapter of African history was the famous Siege of Kartoum in 1884 pitting the fanatical Madhi against the legendary General "Chinese" Gordon. The outcome is history and these events are etched not only in the annals of history but also in the monies of necessity issued by the British during the Siege.

Freeman L. Craig Sr., club vice president, and Gordon Haegelin were in charge of the programs. - **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT VIII —

Joe B. Davis
Governor

Reports on the TNA convention were given to members of **Corpus Christi Coin Club** by Joe and Ouida Davis and it was announced that the club received honorable mention in the Club Salute program and Glen Littrell was awarded honorable mention for his article published in the **TNA NEWS.**

David Luckstead gave a talk on "Investments" followed by a question and answer session. Future programs are planned by John Face, Dr. John Tunnell, Jim Catron, John Smolik, Billy Miller and Alonzo Perez. - **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT IX —

E. L. Pitzer
Governor

A short meeting was held by members of **Lamb County Coin Club** of Littlefield due to the postponement of election of officers as so few were present and the delaying for another meeting, the program. A video tape on "Coin Grading" was planned but equipment problems developed.

Members held a swap session instead and Bill Bevers won the door prize. Meetings are held in the Red

dy Room. **E.L. Pitzer, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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The recent TNA convention was discussed at the **South Plains Coin Club** meeting in Lubbock and E.L Pitzer gave a report on the board meeting

Wally Borchardt gave a Coin Trivia quiz and those with correct answers to all questions received awards.

Jim Hall led the auction and Mr Baker won the door prize. Seventeen were present - **E.L. Pitzer, Gov. Dist 9.**

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DISTRICT XIII – Raymond E Whyborn presented the **Greenbelt Coin Club** of Vernon a replacement TNA Charter Certificate, as the club had never received an original certificate. Since the club had waited so long to get the certificate, Governor Whyborn matted and framed the document before presenting it to the club

Raymond E Whyborn
Governor

Eighteen took part in the 50-lot auction conducted by Bill Howard and Emmett "Robbie" Robinson. - **Raymond E. Whyborn, Gov. Dist. 13.**

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A report on the TNA convention was given by Raymond Whyborn for members of **Red River Coin Club** of Iowa Park. Whyborn handed out brochures, programs and booklets from the convention to the 13 present.

Jerald Brown gave a talk on "How Did You Become Interested in Coins and Collecting?" He had the individual club members participate with each telling how they got started. A numismatic question and answer session followed.

Emmett "Robbie" Robinson conducted the 44-lot auction. - **Raymond E. Whyborn, Gov. Dist. 13.**

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Connoly O'Brian auctioned 57 lots of coins and stamps at the meeting of **Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club** with 15 in attendance at North Texas Savings & Loan.

Jan Blankenship won a one ounce silver round during the raffle. The door prize of a bronze Oklahoma Numismatic Assn. medal was won by Nancy Lemmond. - **Raymond E. Whyborn, Gov. Dist. 13.**

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Richard Norton displayed his collection of world coins and paper money at the June meeting of **Seymour Coin Club** (the small but active and hoping to grow club). Each item in Norton's collection came from a country which he has personally visited and most came directly from banks within those countries He recently retired from the U.S. Marine Corps after 22 years He was involved in the Iran-

ian hostage rescue mission in 1979-80, which was cancelled by the desert helicopter crash.

The auction was conducted by Gene Wheeler and a get-well card was circulated by club secretary Mary Jane Whyborn for members to sign and send to Homer Hall, long-time TNA member, who suffered a heart attack. - **Raymond E. Whyborn, Gov. Dist. 13.**

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DISTRICT XV — A program on "Three Cent Pieces" was given by Sid King at the **Beaumont Coin Club** meeting. Sid told him about the piece being the smallest U.S. coin ever minted and was issued for the purpose of buying postage stamps. It was a very unpopular coin. It was struck in both silver and nickel and the designer was James B. Longacre.

Dewey L. Scott
Governor

During the first months of 1986, 11 new members joined the club. - **Club Bulletin.**

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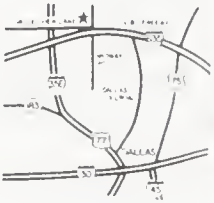

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Lavaca when TNA held its first organizational meeting. He was elected vice president under Joe B. Davis, president. Carlton devoted many hours of his time in the early formative years of TNA. He so wanted to attend the Fort Worth TNA convention but his children "frown" on his driving the car that distance - he celebrated his 91st birthday in May. We hope he celebrates many, many more.

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